

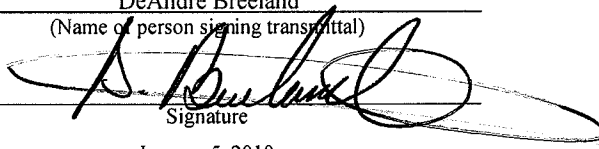
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 5, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 5, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

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